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SUBJECT: IRAQI CHRISTIANS: STATEMENT OF NON-PERSECUTION

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1. REFTEL EXPRESSES SURPRISE THAT I "ASKED ANBARI ABOUT IRAQI WILLINGNESS TO MAKE A STATEMENT OF NON-PERSECUTION." BAGHDAD 994 WAS TELEGRAPHED FROM KUWAIT SO I CANNOT CHECK HOW IT READS IN WASHINGTON, BUT AS DRAFTED IT ATTEMPTED TO MAKE CLEAR THAT IT WAS ANBARI WHO POSED--AND PUSHED--THE QUESTION.

2. PARA 4, BAGHDAD 994, IS AN EFFORT TO REPORT MY REPEAT MY SURPRISE THAT GOI WOULD CONSIDER SUCH A MOVE. PARA 3 DETAILS ANBARI'S PITCH, ON WHICH HE DWELT AT SOME LENGTH. MY LOW-KEY RESPONSE WAS INTENDED TO INDICATE WHY IT WOULD NOT BE GOOD IDEA FROM STRICTLY IRAQI POINT OF VIEW. NO REFERENCE WAS MADE TO USG POSITION, BUT I DID OFFER PURELY PERSONAL SPECULATION AS TO POSSIBLE VIEWS OF US COURTS, AS FURTHER INDICATION THAT IDEA PERHPAS NOT A GOOD ONE FOR IRAQ.

3. APPRECIATE GUIDANCE CONTAINED REFTEL AS WELL AS INFORMA-
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